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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LY

SUBJ: PASSPORTS: PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF VISAS AND ENTRY

REF: STATE 096495, PARA 2.

1. WHILE THE PRECEDENT IS NOT PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE, ON BALANCE WE HAVE NO OVERRIDING OBJECTION TO TRYING SWAP VISAS FOR DECKER AND ABEDSAID FAMILIES.
2. HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT TIMING AND APPROACH, HOWEVER.
2. GAVE SOAROED# ISSUING STUDENT VISAS VERY RECENTLY, AND FOR US NOW TO MAKE SWAP PROPOSAL MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS WEAKNESS. WOULD PREFER TO SEE IF LARX PRESSES US AGAIN ABOUT ABEDSAID VISAS AND THEN, AT THAT TIME, SUGGEST THE SWAP AS A SOLUTION. THIS MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN WASHINGTON THAN HERE, BUT NEED CONTINGENCY AUTHORITY TO MAKE PROPOSAL HERE IN CASE SUBJECT COMES UP NATURALLY IN ONE OF OUR TALKS WITH MFA OFFICIALS.
3. HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DEPT PRECIPITATING A RENEWED LARG EMB WASHINGTON INQUIRY ABOUT ABEDSAID VISAS BY HAVING A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PASSPORT PROBLEMS IN NEAR FUTURE.

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4. PRECAUTION OUTLINED LAST PHRASE OF REFTEL IS
ACERTAINLY WELL JUSTIFIED, AND IF LARG BUYS THE IMPLIED
UNEQUAL TREATMENT, FINE* IF NOT, AND MFA INSISTS THAT
AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES SHOULD SUFFICE AS AN ASSURANCE
OF ACTUAL ENTRY, WHAT DO WE SAY? FACT IS THAT A NOTE
FROM MFA MAY NOT BE HONORED BY IMMIGRATION AT AIRPORT.
WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO POINT THIS OUT, INFORMALLY, AND
INSIST THAT THE DEAL IS OFF UNLESS MFA ARRANGES ABEDSAID'S
ARRIVAL TO OCCUR AFTER DECKER'S. ASSUMING DECKER FAMILY
COULD LEAVE ON VERY SHORT NOTICE, BELIEVE WE NEED NOT
REQUIRE MFA TO TELL US THIS IN WRITING.
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